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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows:

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Field of the Invention

Page 1, between lines 8 and 9, please insert the section header:

Background Information

Page 2, before line 1, please insert the section header:

Summary of the Invention

Page 2, between lines 13 and 14, please insert the following paragraphs:

The present invention provides a sulfur-vulcanizable rubber compound, formed by combining at least the following:

at least one diene rubber;

liquid polybutadiene with a molecular weight of 1500 – 10000 g/mol and a vinyl content of 15 – 50%;

at least one polar filler;

at least one high-structure carbon black with an iodine adsorption number of 115 – 200 g/kg and a DBP number of 125 – 160 mL/100 g; and

at least one glyceride and/or factice.

The at least one diene rubber can comprise at least one diene rubber selected from at least one of natural rubber, synthetic polyisoprene, polybutadiene and styrene-butadiene copolymer.

The liquid polybutadiene can have a molecular weight of 2000 – 5000 g/mol and a vinyl content of 20 – 35%.